4. The benefit of Article 317 of the Civil Service Regulations may be extended to officers of the Salt Department, who may be permitted to present themselves at the Lower and Higher Standard Departmental Examinations, provided the conditions of the article are strictly fulfilled. (G. R. No. 5532, dated 16th July 1896.)

X.—POLITICAL OFFICERS.

1. Political Officers appearing for the Lower Standard Departmental Examination should be required to furnish the certificate specified in clause 3 (*b*) of No. 36 of the rules for the examination of Junior Civil Servants and others, which would be granted by the Political Resident or Agent. As inconvenience would be caused if Assistant Political Agents in charge of Prânts and Deputy Assistant Political Agents were to be detached to Rájkot for six weeks for the performance of the duties of Treasury Officer in order to satisfy the conditions of this rule, the Political Agent, Kâthiáwár, may at his discretion exempt them from its operation. (G. Rs. Nos. 2036, dated 28th March 1882, 1875, dated 6th March 1883, and 7719, dated 27th September 1884.)

2. When there are applicants for examination in the Somáli language, the Political Resident at Aden may convene a Board of Examination without reference to Government. The result of the examinations held should in each case be communicated to Government. (G. R., G. D., No. 2240 dated 7th July 1892.)

3. For examinations in Somáli and Suahili, honoraria will be allowed by Government on special applications being made, but they need only be very moderate in amount. (G. R. No. 287, dated 13th January 1897.)

4. The work of setting papers for examination in Arabic according to the Departmental Standards of Political Officers and others serving in Aden and of examining answers thereto is entrusted to the Civil and Military Examination Committee, the *vivâ voce* portion being conducted at Aden. (G. R. No. 8241 dated 23rd October 1895.)

XI.—EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS.

1. It is imperative upon all Europeans appointed to the Educational Department to pass within a given period an examination which shall prove that they possess a sufficient colloquial knowledge of the vernacular language of the district in which they are employed, failing which their services will be dispensed with. The pecuniary rewards should only be given for highly distinguished acquirements in the native languages. Ordinary colloquial acquaintance with them is indispensably necessary to the efficient performance of their duties by those who are employed in the Department of Education, and must be insisted upon by Government. (S. of S. No. 29,